

REMARKS

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action, applicant has carefully studied the Examiner's rejections. The claims pending in this application are claims 10-21. Favorable reconsideration of the application in light of the following detailed arguments is respectfully requested.

The Examiner indicated that claims 4-5 would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection of claim 4 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Claim 4 was rejected for indefiniteness, in that the Examiner stated that it was unclear how a gas rich in both CO and CO<sub>2</sub> were taken from a device for CO enrichment.

In response thereto, the Examiner's attention is directed to paragraph 17 of the application. The gas stream (11) is taken from the device for CO enrichment. The CO enrichment device in an embodiment of the invention is designed as a flash column as discussed in paragraph [0019] as reference numeral (9). Table 1 of the specification indicates a typical composition of the gas stream. According to this table, column 7 is supplied by stream 20 containing 1.80 mol % CO and 38.60 mol % CO<sub>2</sub>. The stream 11 leaving column 7 contains 3.60 mol % CO and 94.75 mol % CO<sub>2</sub>.

This demonstrates from the disclosure the enriched CO and CO<sub>2</sub> found in this step. In order to clarify the invention, this line has been rewritten in claim 4, to more clearly show the subject matter being claimed.

It is believed that the above amendments place the application in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner wish to modify the application in any way, applicant's

attorney suggests a telephone interview in order to expedite the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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